

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
March 27, 2008**

SUBJECT: Student Affairs Committee Recommendations Regarding Emergency Preparedness, Campus Safety, and Mental Health Services in the State University System

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider Recommendations from the Student Affairs Committee for Approval.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution, Section 1001.705

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Following the tragic Virginia Tech shootings on April 16, 2007, the Florida Board of Governors created the Emergency Preparedness and Campus Safety Task Force and the Mental Health Issues Subcommittee of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Governors. Governor Perez, Chair of the Emergency Preparedness and Campus Safety Task Force, named three subcommittees to address the areas of emergency notification, police staffing and campus safety, and training of faculty to identify at-risk students. The Mental Health Issues Subcommittee of the Student Affairs Committee, chaired by Governor Marshall, focused on issues such as prevention, identification of students who pose a risk, implementation of awareness and education programs relating to mental health and campus safety, improvements in information sharing (about students and between/among agencies), the removal of organizational and legal barriers that impede the flow of necessary information, and increased funding for mental health and wellness efforts.

On March 26, the Emergency Preparedness and Campus Safety Task Force will meet jointly with the Student Affairs Committee to review findings and recommendations from the subcommittees. Governor McDevitt will bring recommendations forward from this meeting for consideration by the full Board of Governors.

Supporting Documentation Included: Provided in Joint Meeting Materials

Facilitators/Presenters:

Governor Sheila McDevitt